

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An interface device for interfacing between a networkable device such as a printer and a network, includes ~~an isolation switch that permits isolation of the network from the networkable device.~~ The interface device includes a hub and a circuit board, with the hub constructed with plural ports to repeat network transmissions received on one port to all other ports. An ~~The~~ isolation switch is provided for controllably ~~operable to isolate~~ isolating the port to which the network is connected ~~from~~ so that network transmissions are not repeated by the hub. The isolation switch is operated under control of the circuit board, which implements network functionality for the networkable device. For example, ~~Particularly in cases where~~ the networkable device is a printer, the extended network functionality provided by the circuit board may relate to secure printing. The ~~In such circumstances,~~ the isolation switch can be operated so as to isolate the network from the printer, ~~and thereby~~ to permit the circuit board to transmit decrypted print jobs in clear text to the printer without danger of interception over the network.